

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending herein. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating allowability of Claims 1-20, if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph. As noted below, Claims 1 and 3-20 have been amended and are believed to be in full compliance with § 112. Therefore, Claims 1 and 3-20 are now in condition for allowance.

2. Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 3-20 have been amended to overcome the rejections noted in the Office Action and are believed to be in full compliance with § 112. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-20 under § 112 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

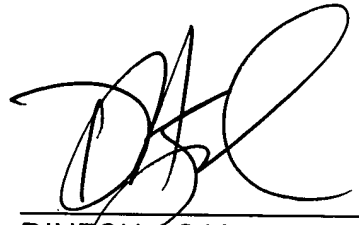
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 3-20 are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims are respectfully solicited.

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It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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